IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Attorney Docket No. 14226US02)

In the Application of:

Electronically filed on 30-MAR-2009

Martin Lund

Serial No. 10/644,204

Filed: August 20, 2003

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM TO

PROVIDE WORD-LEVEL FLOW CONTROL USING SPARE LINK

BANDWIDTH

Examiner: Alexander O. Boakye

Group Art Unit: 2416

Confirmation No. 5736

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance into the official record for the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 12-13, 16, 32-39, 41-45, and 47 are allowed. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of these claims and respectfully submits the following Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Reasons for Allowance may potentially import interpretations into the claims in relation to the prior art that are unnecessarily limited and may place unwarranted interpretations upon the claims.

Such a characterization of the claims in view of the prior art may not properly take into account the Applicant's claimed invention as reflected in the claims, the specification and the prosecution history of the present application. Applicant believes that the claims, the specification, and the prosecution history in their entirety provide an adequate basis for the allowability of the claims.

Additionally, specific parts of the Examiner's reasons for allowance may pertain to limitations appearing in some of the claims, but not others of the claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has thoroughly examined the claims, recognized the limitations appearing or not appearing in each of the claims, and properly found the claims to be allowable based on the record.

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the

Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant's attorney at the number

listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any

overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-

0017.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 30-MAR-2009

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